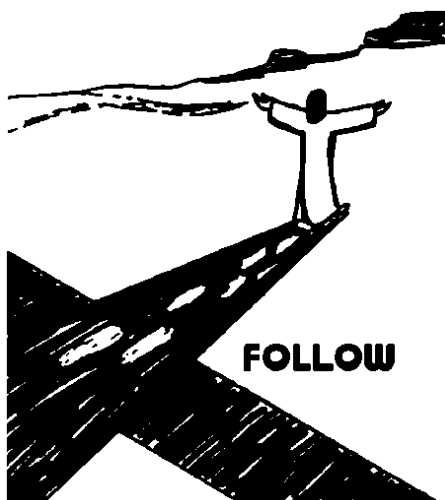




FOR IT IS BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED,
THROUGH FAITH—AND THIS NOT FROM
YOURSELVES, IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD.
EPH 2:8-9

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No Turning Back

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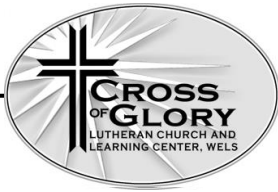
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Welcome! We are glad you are here with us today. Our service today follows an order of worship which places the spotlight on God's Word and its central message of peace through Jesus. You can follow the outline of the service in this worship folder. The hymn numbers refer to the red hymnal: Christian Worship (CW) or the blue hymnal: Christian Worship Supplement (CWS).

Holy Communion: We offer classes (Basic Bible Christianity) for those desiring to take the sacrament. If you are a newcomer, please take these classes before communing or speak with our pastor.

ORDER OF SERVICE: DIVINE SERVICE II

OPENING HYMN.....Though Thoughtless Thousands Choose the Road (CW #466)

STAND

INVOCATION¹

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, For sins of habit and sins of choice, For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, You should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

¹ The name of the triune God and the sign of the cross remind worshipers of their baptisms.

ABSOLUTION

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY (*KYRIE*)²

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer— cy.

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.



C: Christ, have mer— cy.

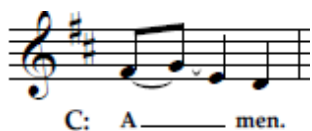
M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer— cy.

² *Kyrie* is the Greek word for *Lord*. The expression “Lord, have mercy” is one of the oldest worship responses in the Christian church.

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.



GLORY BE TO GOD (*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS*)³

1 All glo - ry be to God on high!
2 Our grate - ful thanks to you we bring,
3 O Lamb of God, to you we pray.
4 You, Christ, are ho - ly— Lord a - lone;

Your name, O Lord, we glo - ri - fy;
For your great glo - ry, heav'n - ly King,
You take all hu - man sin a - way.
The Fath - er's glo - ry you made known.

We praise you for your peace and grace,
For all, O Fath - er, you have done
Have mer - cy, Lord; re - ceive our prayer;
We by your Spir - it sing a - gain:

Your fav - or toward our fal - len race.
Through Je - sus Christ, your on - ly Son.
From God's right hand, your mer - cy share.
"All glo - ry be to God!" A - men.

"Glory to

God in the Highest" has been a Christian song of worship since the fourth century.

THE WORD OF GOD

SALUTATION⁴

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O God, you rule over all things in wisdom and kindness. Take away everything that may be harmful and give us whatever is good; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BE SEATED

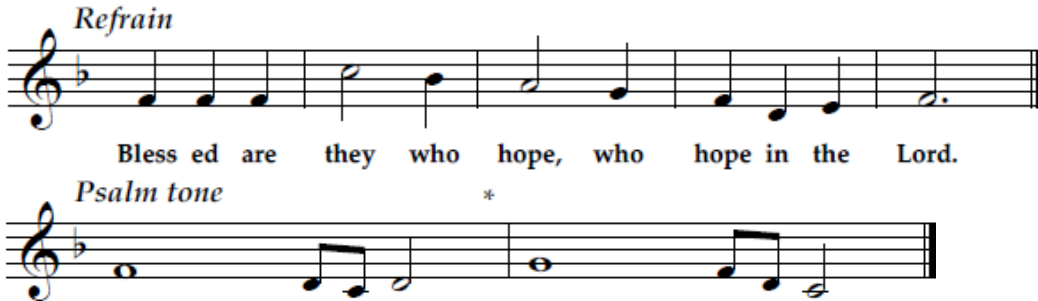
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST LESSON.....Joshua 24:1-2a; 14-18

Then Joshua assembled all the tribes of Israel at Shechem. He summoned the elders, leaders, judges and officials of Israel, and they presented themselves before God.² Joshua said to all the people,... "Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your forefathers worshiped beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD."¹⁵ But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."¹⁶ Then the people answered, "Far be it from us to forsake the LORD to serve other gods!"¹⁷ It was the LORD our God himself who brought us and our fathers up out of Egypt, from that land of slavery, and performed those great signs before our eyes. He protected us on our entire journey and among all the nations through which we traveled.¹⁸ And the LORD drove out before us all the nations, including the Amorites, who lived in the land. We too will serve the LORD, because he is our God."

⁴ This greeting has deep roots in Christian worship and marks the beginning of the Word section and the Sacrament section of the service.

PSALM OF THE DAY.....Psalm 71



M: In you, O LORD, I have taken 'refuge; *

C: let me never be 'put to shame.

M: Rescue me and deliver me in your 'righteousness; *

C: turn your ear to me and 'save me.

M: Be my rock of refuge to which I can 'always go; *

C: for you are my rock and my 'fortress.

Refrain

M: Since my youth, O God, you have 'taught me, *

C: and to this day I declare your mar'velous deeds.

M: Even when I am 'old and gray, *

C: do not forsake 'me, O God,

M: till I declare your power to the next gene'ration, *

C: your might to all who 'are to come.

C: Glory be to the Father and 'to the Son *

and to the Holy 'Spirit,

as it was in the be'ginning, *

is now, and will be forever. 'Amen.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON.....Hebrews 11:24-28

By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. ²⁵ He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy

the pleasures of sin for a short time.²⁶ He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward.²⁷ By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible.²⁸ By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel.

VERSE OF THE DAY



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Faith comes from hear - ing the mes - sage, and the



mes - sage is heard through the Word of Christ. Al - le -



lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

STAND⁵

GOSPEL

M: We hear the Gospel according to John, chapter 6.

C: Glory be to you, O Lord.

On hearing it, many of his disciples said, "This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?"⁶¹ Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, "Does this offend you?⁶² What if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before!⁶³ The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.⁶⁴ Yet there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus had known from the beginning

⁵ The worshipers stand and speak words of acclamation out of respect for the words of Christ, our King.

which of them did not believe and who would betray him.⁶⁵ He went on to say, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled him."⁶⁶ From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.⁶⁷ "You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve.⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.⁶⁹ We believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY.....How Firm a Foundation (CW #768)
SERMON ON JOHN 6:60-69 - "No Turning Back"

STAND

NICENE CREED⁶

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

⁶ Public confession is faith’s response to God’s saving Word. The Nicene Creed was composed in the 4th century to defend the Bible’s teachings that both Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit are true God, equal to the Father in one eternal, undivided Trinity.

OFFERING

The members of Cross of Glory are happy to support its ministry with their financial gifts. If you are visiting us today, do not feel obligated to give an offering.

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness and sorrow with one another. Above all we praise and thank you for your saving Word and for your Son's body and blood, which you give us to eat and to drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.

C: **Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.**

M: Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace, and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions that you have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering, and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.

C: **Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: **Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.**

Silent prayer.

M: Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: **Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT

THE PREFACE⁷

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

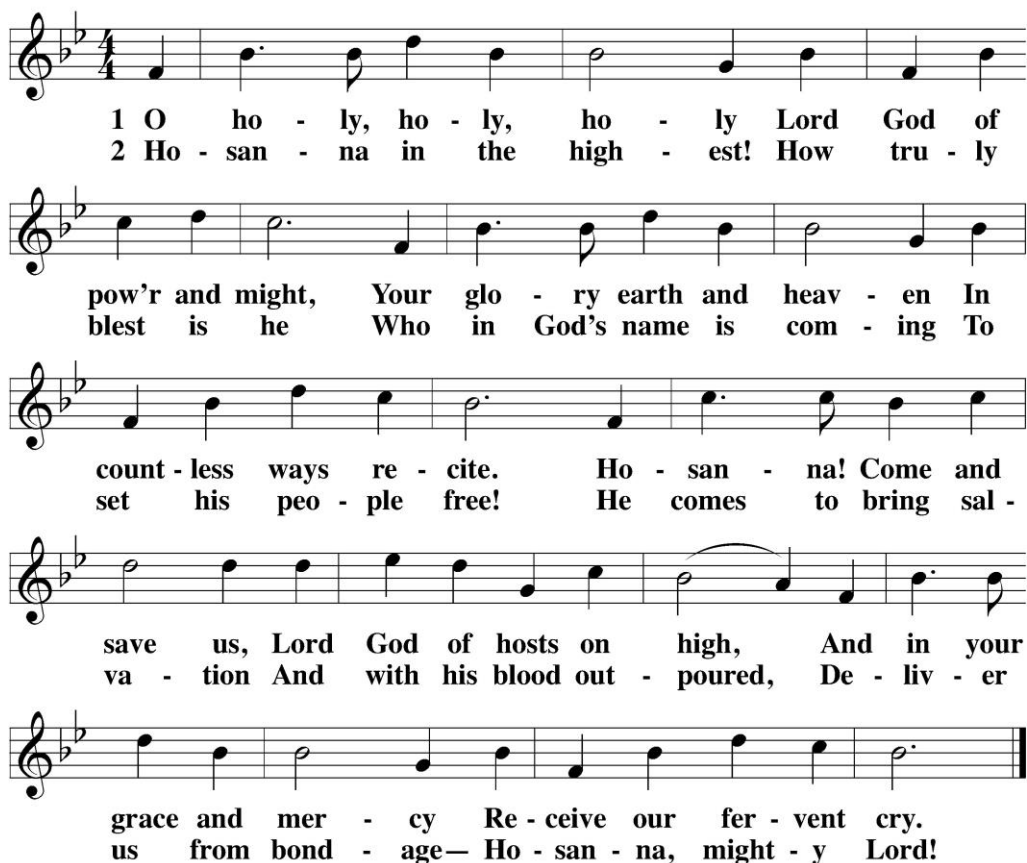


C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has called us to be his own so that we may live under him in his kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

⁷ These words mark the beginning of the Sacrament section of worship and lift the worshiper's hearts in praise. The opening sentences are among the oldest in the Christian liturgy.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (SANCTUS)



1 O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How tru - ly

pow'r and might, Your glo - ry earth and heav - en In
blest is he Who in God's name is com - ing To

count - less ways re - cite. Ho - san - na! Come and
set his peo - ple free! He comes to bring sal -

save us, Lord God of hosts on high, And in your
va - tion And with his blood out - poured, De - liv - er

grace and mer - cy Re - ceive our fer - vent cry.
us from bond - age— Ho - san - na, might - y Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING⁸

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power. Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: Amen.

⁸ Jesus took bread and *gave thanks*. (Matthew 26:26)

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION⁹

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are: "C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Grant us your peace. Amen." The score includes a key signature change to G major for the second staff and back to G major for the third staff. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Grant us your peace. Amen.

⁹ As he speaks the Words of Institution, the minister both proclaims the words of Jesus to the congregation and sets apart the bread and wine for the Lord's use. The sign of the cross reminds us Christ's death.

THANKSGIVING

PRAYER

M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING¹⁰

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN.....Christ Be My Leader (CW #367)



¹⁰ The blessing of Aaron has been spoken over God’s people for over 3,500 years. The LORD said, “*So they will put my name on [them], and I will bless them*” (Numbers 6:27).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEASURE OF LOVE

Last Sunday's Worship Attendance: 32.

Offerings to the Lord: General Fund Offerings: \$1487.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday (8/30):	9:15 a.m.	Ministry Motivation / Listening Session
	10:30 a.m.	Worship with Communion

AUGUST LISTENING SESSIONS / MINISTRY MOTIVATION



All members of Cross of Glory are encouraged to attend our special August listening sessions held during the Sunday morning Bible Study hour (9:15 – 10:15 a.m.) on August 16th, 23rd and 30th. We will have the opportunity to review our ministry plan from the previous year and discuss upcoming opportunities for ministry.

KICKOFF SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 13TH



The fall season of Sunday School, Bible Study, and worship at Cross of Glory will be kicking off on Sunday, September 13th. Following worship, there will be time for some fellowship with an ice cream social.

* Our Growing in Christ Sunday School is a great opportunity for children all ages to hear God's Word in a fun and interactive learning environment.

* Our adult Bible study session will begin with a series based on the book "Rainbow Savior." We'll look at what the Scriptures say on a range of topics concerning homosexuality—from reaching loved ones struggling to interacting with a world embracing it as an acceptable alternative lifestyle.